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For                CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING VERTICAL BAG FORMING,  
                      FILLING AND SEALING BAGS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend as follows:

In the translation serving as Specification:

Page 1, before Paragraph 1 insert